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## **Beer and Wine Sampling or Tasting License (BWST) Information**

- The Montgomery County Board of license Commissioners may issue a Beer and Wine Sampling or Tasting license (BWST) to the holder of a class 'A' beer and wine or a class 'A' wine license. The purpose of the license is to allow class 'A' licensees to hold beer and wine tastings on premise.
- The annual fee for BWST license is \$200.
- The holder of a class 'A' beer and wine license may sample beer and wine on the licensed premises. The holder of a class 'A' wine license may only sample wine on the licensed premise.
- The holder of a BWST license may offer samples in limited quantities only to persons who are 21 years of age or older, as follows:
  - Wine: Up to one ounce from a single brand of wine, not to exceed 4 ounces from all brands of wine in a single day per person.
  - Beer: Up to 3 ounces from a single brand of beer, not to exceed 12 ounces from all brands of beer in a single day per person.
- Once opened, each container of beer or wine used for the tasting shall be marked that it is for that purpose only.
- The holder of a BWST license is required to notify the Board of License Commissioners on the appropriate form at least 7 days prior to the sampling or tasting event.

- All alcoholic beverages used during a sampling or tasting event must come from the class 'A' retailer's inventory and must have been purchased from the Department of Liquor Control.
- Any open containers of beer and wine that remain after a sampling or tasting event, should be discarded by the licensee.
- The hours during which the sampling or tasting event is to occur must be conforming to the hours permitted by the respective class 'A' license.
- Wholesaler and supplier representatives may participate in a beer and wine sampling or tasting event and may pour the representatives own alcoholic beverages.
- A supplier or wholesaler may sponsor an alcoholic beverage sampling or tasting event on a properly licensed retail facility. The wholesaler or supplier sales representative may answer questions and discuss the beer or wine products in general.
- Any supplier or wholesaler representatives who participate in beer or wine sampling event must comply with State and Local laws and regulations.

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